

Application Serial No. 10/087,899
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Reply to the Office Action Dated October 10, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 19-35 are cancelled. Claims 11-18, which are allowed, remain pending in the application. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – Double Patenting and Allowable Subject Matter

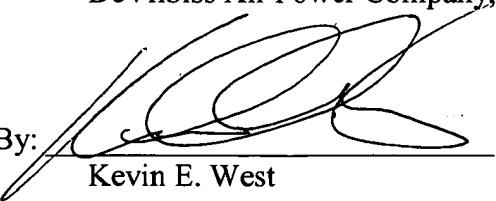
Applicant wishes to seek expeditious issuance of a patent containing claims directed to subject matter allowed by the Patent Office. Thus, Applicant has canceled claim 1-7 and 19-35, obviating the rejections of, or, objections to, those claims. The remaining claims 11-18 are allowed. However, Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejections of claims 1-7 and 19-35 and reserves the right to present claims drawn to the same or similar subject matter for consideration in a continuing application. Additionally, Applicant reserves the right to withdraw the present amendment and traverse the rejections of claims 1-7 and 19-35 should the Patent Office assert new grounds for rejection of the claims presently indicated as being allowable.

CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance of all claims. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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